



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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June 13, 2000

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WARNING LETTER

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CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Eduardo S. Chua, President  
Global Marketing Enterprises, Inc.  
1801-C South Canal St.  
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Chua:

Inspection of your firm by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on May 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11, 2000, documented numerous insanitary conditions at your food warehouse, which caused the food products stored there to become adulterated.

Our inspection showed that the food products stored and held at your facility were found adulterated. These adulterated food products are in violation of Sections 402(a)(3) and 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) in that they: a) consist in whole or in part of filthy substances, including rodent (rat) fecal pellets, rodent hair; and b) had been held under insanitary conditions whereby they have become contaminated with rodent and bird filth.

Evidence of rodent activity was observed in, on, and near foods stored in the warehouse. This evidence included rodent gnaw holes into packaged rice with several rodent hairs in the product. Many rodent (rat) fecal pellets were observed on food packages and hundreds more near the stored food in the warehouse. Live birds were observed in the warehouse during the inspection and droppings found on cased food products.

Other conditions observed during the inspection that could be contributing factors to rodent and bird infestation included open and poorly fitting doors and dock plates.

Our laboratory confirmed the findings of rodent excreta, rodent hairs in product, and rodent gnawed fibers (packaging material) sampled from the warehouse during the inspection.

The above listed violations are not intended to be all-inclusive. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with each requirement of the Federal regulations. The investigators reported you have destroyed several food products that showed evidence of contamination and began to take some steps to correct the insanitary conditions in your facility. We request that you take prompt action to correct all violations.

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Please provide this office, within 15 days of receipt of this letter, a detailed response stating the actions you plan to take and have taken to correct and prevent the recurrence of these objectionable conditions. Provide the time within which corrections will be completed, reasons why any corrective action cannot be completed, and documentation to show that corrections have been made. Failure to take prompt action to correct all violations may result in regulatory action without further notice. Such action may include seizure and/or injunction.

Your reply should be directed to Paul A. Boehmer, Compliance Officer, at the Chicago District Office.

Sincerely,

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Raymond V. Mlecko  
District Director